

INITIAL APPEARANCE HEARINGS

2005

The following tables present information on the reviews of commitments by the Intake and Court Services unit of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice's (formerly the Youth Authority) Institution and Camps Branch. Staff in Intake and Court Services determine the offender's offense category and parole consideration date (PCD) under established guidelines. The Parole Board reviews the decision, and makes any adjustments deemed necessary. During 2005, a total of 807 initial reviews were conducted. In the case of parole violators and recommitments, the Parole Board conducts the initial hearing concurrently with the parole revocation hearing. During 2005, there were 938 such hearings.

Depending upon the circumstances of the offense, a Supplemental Initial Appearance hearing may be conducted by the Parole Board at which a PCD can be extended or reduced. During 2005, the Parole Board held three Supplemental hearings.

The time from the offender's acceptance by the Division of Juvenile Justice's Intake Unit to the PCD given, is referred to as the PCD interval. Table 1 summarizes PCD intervals given at Initial Appearance hearings, while Table 2 summarizes PCD modifications made at Supplemental Initial hearings.

The Parole Board has established seven categories of offenses (Board Hearing Categories) in order of seriousness, with Category I being the most serious. The Parole Board has also established PCD guidelines for each category, e.g., 84 months for Category I. Deviations are allowed based on the circumstances of each offense.

An offense may be listed in more than one category, depending upon the circumstances of the crime. For example, burglary while armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon *and* with substantial injury is in Category III; burglary while armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon *or* resulting in substantial injury is in Category IV; first degree burglary is in Category V; and second degree burglary is in Category VI.

The table shows the baseline PCD guidelines in effect in 2005; the number and percentage of offenders in each category; the average PCD time given for each category and offense; and the number of offenders whose PCD interval was below, at, or above the baseline PCD guidelines.

Please note: Though technically a part of Category VII, parole violator returns are displayed separately.

TABLE 1
PAROLE CONSIDERATION DATE INTERVALS AT INITIAL REVIEWS
BY PAROLE BOARD CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE
2005

CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL HEARINGS	PERCENT	AVERAGE MONTHS	BELOW GUIDELINE	AT GUIDELINE	ABOVE GUIDELINE
TOTAL	1,745	100.0	13.3	221	1,496	6
Total First Commitments	807	46.2	22.1	221	580	6
Category I (84 months)	20	1.1	79.4	6	14	-
Murder 1st	9		83.2	2	7	-
Murder 2nd	9		82.4	2	7	-
Kidnap (Death/Great Bodily Injury)	1		79.0	1	-	-
Burglary - First	1		18.0	1	-	-
Category II (48 months)	98	5.6	38.7	42	56	-
Attempt/Assault to Murder	17		45.6	2	15	-
Rape	13		46.9	1	12	-
Child Molesting	58		33.4	38	20	-
Sodomy/Sex Perversion	3		45.3	1	2	-
Extortion/Kidnap	7		48.0	-	7	-
Category III (36 months)	47	2.7	31.9	12	35	-
Manslaughter- Vehicular	2		35.5	1	1	-
Robbery (Enhanced)	5		33.6	1	4	-
Robbery (Unenhanced)	10		33.0	2	8	-
Carjacking	15		33.2	2	13	-
Aggravated Assault	3		20.0	2	1	-
Disch/Display Firearm	1		36.0	-	1	-
Burglary – First	3		36.0	-	3	-
Rape	4		33.8	2	2	-
Sex Perversion	3		19.0	2	1	-
Sell Hard Narcotics	1		36.0	-	1	-
Category IV (24 months)	247	14.2	21.8	57	188	2
Manslaughter	2		24.0	-	2	-
Robbery (Enhanced)	36		23.0	4	31	1
Robbery (Unenhanced)	51		22.0	12	39	-
Aggravated Assault	107		22.0	23	83	1
Discharge/Display Weapon	8		24.0	-	8	-
Burglary First Degree	12		18.5	7	5	-
Narcotic Offenses	6		22.0	1	5	-
Marijuana Offenses	2		24.0	-	2	-
Dangerous Drug Offenses	6		18.0	3	3	-
Arson	5		19.2	2	3	-
Others	12		20.1	5	7	-
Category V (18 months)	228	13.1	15.5	100	124	4
Robbery (Enhanced)	6		19.0	-	5	1
Robbery (Unenhanced)	34		16.6	9	24	1
Attempted Robbery	5		16.8	1	4	-
Aggravated Assault	53		15.8	21	31	1
Battery	24		16.0	9	15	-
Burglary (1 st Degree)	68		14.7	39	28	1
Grand Theft	10		15.6	4	6	-
Others	28		14.4	17	11	-
Category VI (12 months)	158	9.1	11.9	4	154	-
Assault	10		12.0	-	10	-
Miscellaneous Assault Offenses	10		11.6	2	8	-
Burglary	19		11.8	1	18	-
Grand Theft	3		12.0	-	3	-
Receiving Stolen Property	5		12.0	-	5	-
Auto Theft	29		12.0	-	29	-
Drug Offenses	15		12.0	-	15	-
Weapons	35		12.0	-	35	-
Others	32		12.0	1	31	-
Category VII (0-12 months)	9	0.5	12.0	-	9	-
Others	9		12.0	-	9	-
Parole Violator Returns (0-12 months)	916	52.5	5.4	-	916	-
Recommitments	22	1.3	16.8			

TABLE 2
PAROLE CONSIDERATION DATE MODIFICATIONS AT SUPPLEMENTAL INITIAL REVIEWS
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2005			
YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL HEARINGS	PERCENT	AVERAGE MONTHS
TOTAL	-	100.0	-
Total First Commitments	-	100.0	-
Category I	-	-	-
Murder 1st	-		-
Murder 2nd	-		-
Kidnap (Death/Great Bodily Injury)	-		-
Others	-		-
Category II	2	66.7	5.0
Voluntary Manslaughter	-		-
Rape (In concert or Great Bodily Injury)	1		4.0
Sex Perversion	-		-
Child Molesting	-		-
Kidnap (Ransom)	1		6.0
Others	-		-
Category III	1	33.3	3.0
Carjacking	1		3.0
Rape	-		-
Kidnap (Robbery)	-		-
Robbery (Armed and Great Bodily Injury, etc.)	-		-
Mayhem/Assault	-		-
Burglary (Armed and Great Bodily Injury)	-		-
Vehicular Manslaughter	-		-
Shooting Into Occupied Vehicle/Dwelling (GBI)	-		-
Others	-		-
Category IV	-	-	-
Manslaughter (Vehicular/Involuntary)	-		-
Robbery (Unenhanced)	-		-
Attempted Sexual Assault	-		-
Grand Theft, Person (Enhanced)	-		-
Burglary (Enhanced)	-		-
Arson	-		-
Narcotics Offenses	-		-
Assault (Great Bodily Injury)	-		-
Shooting Into Occupied Vehicle/Dwelling	-		-
Others	-		-
Category V	-	-	-
Assault	-		-
Battery	-		-
Robbery	-		-
Grand Theft (Person)	-		-
Burglary (1st Degree)	-		-
Arson	-		-
Others	-		-
Category VI	-	-	-
Firearms	-		-
Bombs	-		-
Arson	-		-
Burglary (2nd Degree)	-		-
Others	-		-
Category VII	-	-	-
Auto Theft	-		-
Receiving Stolen Property	-		-
Drug Offenses	-		-
Others	-		-
Parole Violator Returns	-	-	-
Recommitments	-	-	-